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said layer of encapsulant material has a pattern of depressions over said channels and a portion of said at least one intermediate conductive element is exposed through and coplanar with said surface of said layer of encapsulant material." Applicants respectfully submit that the above limitation of claim 1 is, in fact, clearly described by the as-filed specification as required by 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The original specification describes at paragraph [0033] that:

FIG. 2 depicts how encapsulant material 30 may be applied to both the active surface 14 and the back side 22 of semiconductor substrate 10 in a substantially conformal manner so as to fill in channels or troughs 26, but not to overfill same to the point of being level with the top surfaces of intermediate conductive elements 20. The depressions of the encapsulant material 30 over channels or troughs 26 are useful in that during the dicing operation, the recessed portions of encapsulant material 30 over channels or troughs 26 provide alignment guidance for the dicing of the substrate 10 into discrete semiconductor devices 34.

The application of encapsulant materials to semiconductor substrates in a conformal manner is well known in the art, and paragraph [0033] sufficiently describes how such encapsulant material may be applied to form depressions as recited in claim 1. "If a skilled artisan would have understood the inventor to be in possession of the claimed invention at the time of filing, even if every nuance of the claims is not explicitly described in the specification, then the adequate description requirement is met." M.P.E.P. 2163 (citing *Vas-Cath, Inc. v. Mahurkar*, 935 F2d 1555, 1563 (Fed. Cir. 1991)). Furthermore, the structure of a depression as recited in claim 1 is clearly illustrated in FIG. 2, as originally filed. "[D]rawings alone may provide a 'written description' of an invention as required by Sec. 112." *Id.* Based on the description at paragraph [0033] and the structure illustrated in FIG. 2, the specification also clearly sets forth the manner and process of making and using the invention to satisfy the enabling requirement. "All that is necessary is that one skilled in the art be able to practice the claimed invention, given the knowledge and level of skill in the art." M.P.E.P. 2164.08.